

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-142 (canceled)

Claim 143 (currently amended). A functional engineered fluorescent protein whose amino acid sequence is at least 85% identical to the amino acid sequence of *Aequorea* green fluorescent protein **set forth in SEQ ID NO:2** (SEQ ID NO:2) and which differs at least from SEQ ID NO:2 by

- i) comprising the substitutions T203Y; S65G; S72A; V68L; and **either of** H148Q or H148G; and
- ii) **further** comprising at least one substitution selected from the group consisting of R96K; Q183N or K; V150S, T, Q, N A, C, M, G or L; I152L, V, F, S, T, Q, N A, C, M, or G; F165Y, W, or L; H181F, W, K or R; Q183R, N, S, or C; **and** L201S, T, Q, N, V, I, A, C, M, or G; [I,] wherein said functional engineered fluorescent protein has a different fluorescent property and altered anion binding affinity as compared to the *Aequorea* green fluorescent protein **having the amino acid sequence set forth in** of SEQ ID NO:2, **and wherein said functional engineered fluorescent protein has fluorescent emission in the visible spectrum.**

Claim 144 (currently amended). A functional engineered fluorescent protein whose amino acid sequence is at least 85% identical to the amino acid sequence of *Aequorea* green fluorescent protein **set forth in SEQ ID NO:2** (SEQ ID NO:2) and which at least differs from SEQ ID NO:2 by

- i) comprising the substitutions T203Y; S65G; S72A; V68L; and **one of** H148R, H148G, H148Q, H148A, H148N, or H148K; and
- ii) **further** comprising at least one substitution selected from the group consisting of R96K; Q183N or K; V150S, T, Q, N A, C, M, G or L; I152L, V, F, S, T, Q, N A, C,

M, or G; F165Y, W, or L; H181F, W, K or R; Q183R, N, S, or C; **and** L201S, T, Q, N, V, I, A, C, M, or G;[[,]] wherein said functional engineered fluorescent protein has a[[-]] different anion binding affinity as compared to the *Aequorea* green fluorescent protein **having the amino acid sequence set forth in** of SEQ ID NO:2, **and wherein said functional engineered fluorescent protein has fluorescent emission in the visible spectrum.**

Claim 145 (previously presented). The functional engineered fluorescent protein of claim 143, wherein said substitution at position H148 is H148Q.

Claim 146 (currently amended). The functional engineered fluorescent protein of claim 143, wherein said[[-]] substitution at position H148 is H148G.

Claim 147 (canceled).

Claim 148 (previously presented). The functional engineered fluorescent protein of claim 143, wherein said functional engineered fluorescent protein comprises a substitution at position V150.

Claim 149 (previously presented). The functional engineered fluorescent protein of claim 148, wherein said substitution at position V150 is selected from the group consisting of Q, S, T and N.

Claim 150 (currently amended). The functional engineered fluorescent protein of claim 143, wherein said functional engineered fluorescent protein **further** comprises a substitution at position V163.

Claim 151 (previously presented). The functional engineered fluorescent protein of claim 150, wherein said substitution at position V163 is selected from the group consisting of Q, S, T and N.

Claim 152-187 (canceled).

Claim 188 (previously presented). The functional engineered fluorescent protein of claim 144, wherein the amino acid sequence of the protein is at least 90% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 189 (previously presented). The functional engineered fluorescent protein of claim 143, wherein the amino acid sequence of the protein is at least 90% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 190 (previously presented). The functional engineered fluorescent protein of claim 143, wherein the amino acid sequence of the protein is at least 95% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

Claims 191-193 (canceled).